

# Church School Fall Schedule begins August 25 at 9:45 AM

## Prayer Focus for August

This feature is an invitation to prayer for the people, programs and missions of First United Methodist Church. Each month highlights people and events to be praying for.

This month, please be in prayer for:  
**Back to school for local schools – teachers, students, and administrators**

**Returning and first time college students**

**Planning for children and adult discipleship for the Fall**

*And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

– EPHESIANS 6:18



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### First United Methodist Church of Marion

12th Street & 8th Avenue

Sunday Worship –

**7:45am**

Early Worship – Chapel

**8:30am**

Spirited Traditional – Sanctuary

**9:45am**

Contemporary Praise – Sanctuary  
Church School for children and adults

**11:00am**

Blended Praise – Sanctuary

Tuesday Morning

Prayer Service –

**7:00-7:30am**

in the Chapel



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## Marion First United Methodist Church

*The mission of the Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*



# Simple to say, Important to do

“Our Time Has come!” screamed her T-Shirt.

I had no idea what that was all about, but as I ate my eggs and hash browns in the next booth at the Drake Diner, it soon became apparent. She was in town to cheer on her daughter, a player for the University of Georgia Bulldogs, in the NCAA regional basketball tournament.

The slogan on the team shirt was intriguing. It is likely true that the girls from Georgia had been playing ball since they were very small. As Division 1 players, they had certainly committed themselves to a year round regimen of lifting weights, shooting free throws, running drills, etc. yet, that did not mean they were going to be handed the NCAA Basketball Championship trophy, regardless of what their parents shirts proclaimed.

Their will did not make it their time, there were other factors involved (most notably the University of Tennessee, Connecticut and Stanford) that would provide major obstacles to “their time” actually coming. No one was going to concede a game to Georgia because the marketing department had proclaimed it to be “time” for the Bulldogs to win. Simple to say, now it was important for the Bulldogs to do the work of making their time come.

In many ways the rallying cry of the church of Jesus could be “Our time has come.” Unlike the marketing department of a college who simply wants it to be our time or needs a catchy slogan for a tournament T-shirt we can proclaim this because

the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, Jesus himself, has proclaimed it. He says: “be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.” (Luke 10:11) and “The kingdom of God is in your midst.” (Luke 17:21).

Ponder this for a moment, a basketball team can make their time come, all they need to do is score more points than all of their opponents, but can the church of Jesus make his time come? Great theologians have tossed this question around for generations and I prefer the answer of William James who wrote: “we cannot make the Kingdom of God come yet during our lives we should labor and live as if we could.”

James notion resonates with who we have been and are seeking to become as Christians and as a church. Recently we adopted the statement: *The mission of the Church is to make Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world as the guiding principle of First United Methodist Church of Marion.* This statement makes the case that we have a role in the time of Christ. Jesus instructs us to in the Great Commission found in Matthew 28 to “go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Primary to that mission is proclaiming the good news of God’s grace. Again, the words of Jesus in what is known as the Great Commandment

(found in Matthew 22) is our best guide “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” That is to say, it is our mission to respond to God by offering grace to the world.

We have done the easy work – created new logos, adopted a new mission statement – it has all been relatively easy to say, now it is important to “do” our mission. *The United Methodist Book of Discipline* says it this way: “John Wesley, Phillip Otterbein, Jacob Albright and our other spiritual forbears understood this mission in this way. Whenever United Methodism has had a clear sense of mission, God has used our Church to save persons, heal relationships, transform social structures, and spread scriptural holiness, thereby changing the world. In order to be truly alive, we embrace Jesus’ mandate to love God and to love our neighbor and make disciples of all peoples.”

It is doable and that is where we plug in – the conditions are all present – in that the Spirit is willing and we are here now. Simple to say, now it is important for us Christians to do the work of making our time intersect with the Kingdom of God already present. That is my plan for the rest of my life because in a deep and authentic way and for the most glorious purpose of all the building of God’s Kingdom “our time has come.”

Pastor Mike

**3 year olds - 3rd graders  
Join us at the  
11am Worship Service for**



Children will join their families in church for opening praise and then join the other children & volunteers as we exit the sanctuary and head up to room 350 (the old black light space) for Church from a Kid's View.

There will be puppets, lesson, worship & prayer time and time for question & answers! Parents will pick up their children in room 350 immediately following 11am worship.



**JUMP UP!**

To your new grade in Journeyland at our **Fall Start up on August 25th.** Discover the love of friendship with Jesus. Summer Sunday School continues through August 18th



**The 4:12 Snack Bar  
Needs Your Help!**

Donations of the following items are greatly needed:

AA Batteries, Pop Tarts, Gummy Worms, Twix, Regular Hershey Bars, Reeses Peanut Butter Cups, Nestle Crunch Bars, Bubble Tape, Cotton Candy, Pack of Gum, Movie Size Whoppers, Mike & Ikes, Raisinets, Snow Caps, Jolly Ranchers, Small Bags of Chips, Ramen Noodles in a Cup, Microwave Popcorn, Easy Mac, All Different Kinds of Cans of Soda, Coke, Pepsi, Mt. Dew, Hawaiian Punch, Dr. Pepper, Large Arnold Palmers, and Green & Blue Monster Drinks.

These items are sold at near cost in our 4:12 snack bar. Additional money that is raised is used to further our youth ministry.

Please bring any items to my office. Thanks! - Pastor Keith

Don't forget to find our page on Facebook:  
[www.facebook.com/412Marion](http://www.facebook.com/412Marion)



## 2013 Church Picture Directory

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to have their picture taken! We've had a great response so far. Sign up now for the week of Sept. 3-7, so you're able to get the time you want!  
[www.marionmethodist.org](http://www.marionmethodist.org) or call 377-4856

## You're Invited to God's Training Camp

(Healthy Church Initiative)

**In Order to Make Disciples of All Nations for the transformation of the world we must be Spiritually Fit!**

**Please Join us for your Small Group training session**

Equipment required: Bible and humble spirit  
Provided: Presence of the Holy Spirit

**Sunday 9:45am** – Classes start August 25 unless noted

Keeping Holy Time: Lectionary class with Peg Boss – Room 106 – Ongoing  
Old Testament study "That the World May Know" with Virginia Jensen – Room 104  
Disciple I with Jim Sommerville and LaVern Winchip – Room 105  
The Study of Acts with the Tallmans – Room 107  
Jr. High/Sr. High Bible Study with Mike Byerly-lower level Carnegie Building

**Sunday afternoon 1:00-3:30pm**

Disciple I with Mike Richmond – Room 106  
Disciple II with Gene Gerber – Room 107 – Starts September 8  
Effective Parenting with Laurie Mortensen – Room 104; 1:00-2:00pm – Starts September 8

**Wednesday Evening 6:30-7:30pm**

Jesus Prayers-with Doreen MacVey & Laurie Mortensen – Room 104 – Starts September 4

**October:** Raising a Modern Day Knight with Bill Hoefle – Family Room  
Faith Depending on God – with Ronda Moody & Elaine Coppock – Room 104

**Thursday 6:00am** Men's Breakfast & Study of I Peter Fellowship Hall

**Thursday Evening 5:30-7:30pm**

Study of Matthew with Tina Southard – Room 104 – Ongoing

**Friday 9:30-11:30am**

Study of Matthew with Tina Southard – Room 104 – Ongoing

## Thank You

Dear United Methodist Women – I know that I thank you each and every time I attend a luncheon in our church basement following a funeral for that particular ministry, still I want to go public with that thanks. It is not lost on the pastors that providing this lunch is not easy, and at its core is a ministry not a meal providing "service."

With great regularity, members of families that have received the blessing of a luncheon prepared, provided, served and cleaned up by you have showered me with comments and notes of profound thanks for this ministry. From the initial call they receive shortly following the death of their beloved right through the dinner they feel absolutely blessed by your work. So, Vicki, Keith and I offer to you our deepest thanks.

Many churches have discontinued the ministry of providing meals and have begun to cater and charge; I hope and pray this practice that you have kept away from First UMC will continue to stay away. Keep it up; it is a blessing that is universally appreciated. – *Pastor Mike Morgan*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you so much for all your prayers and well wishers during my recent health issues. I am doing so much better and hope to be released from my restrictions soon. The doctors have been surprised at how well I am doing and we know it is your faithful prayers and God's healing power that is responsible. God is SO GOOD! We hope to see you soon. – *Love, Kathy & Marty Labs*

Sewing Day for 2013 has come and gone, and it was a definite success! Thanks to the 42 wonderful volunteers (you know who you are), 206 school bags were totally finished, and another 350 created in partial stages. Several ladies took bags home to be finished before Ingathering is over. The group was made up of some new faces this year as well as the long time regulars, and we truly thank you all. We hope to see you next year to do more of the same. I pray that you had as much fun and fellowship as we did. – *Thanks again, Diana Anderson and Jan Dickinson*



**Eat.  
Sing.  
Eat.**

**Chancel Choir Fall Ruckus**

Everyone welcome. 8:30 am-12:30 pm  
Saturday, August 24 in the choir room.  
Questions? 319.213.7008 or  
[mransom@marionmethodist.org](mailto:mransom@marionmethodist.org).

## UMM

No meetings until September.

## UMW

See calendar on the back page for the most up to date circle meeting information.

### Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Sponsored by the UMW  
Open to all girls and women  
**September 21**  
11:00 Meet at Fellowship Hall  
Bring a salad to share

#### Our Mission

To Eat and have Fun  
To Learn about Fair Trade  
And how we can help Victims of Human Trafficking

#### Come Early:

Fair Trade items will be  
On Sale from 9-11 AM  
EVERYONE is welcome to  
Visit our "shop"!

### Caring Corner Child Care Employment Opportunities

**Afternoon Teacher Aid Position** – Part time shift working in our four/five year old room Monday-Friday. Must be at least 18 years old and available for work from 2:30 or 3p.m. each day until 5:30 pm. Position begins on Monday, August 26.

**Substitute Teachers** – If you enjoy working with children and are looking for a flexible, rewarding job this is it! Fill in for staff as you are available when contacted to fulfill regular staff member's hours. Contact Dawn at 377-8490 to apply or email [dblair@marion-methodist.org](mailto:dblair@marion-methodist.org)  
Caring Corner Christian Day Care/Preschool

### What in the World is Going on at UMCOR?

**UMCOR'S Mission Statement**  
Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

The family of  
*Leon and Lee Smock*  
invite you to the celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

The reception will be in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 1 from 1:00-4:00pm.

Everyone is welcome!

## Your Spiritual Care

When you or someone you love is receiving medical care at one of our local hospitals, we endeavor to provide the best in Christian love and spiritual care through personal visits and prayer support. Our medical communities strive to provide you with excellent medical care and strict compliance with HIPAA regulations to protect your personal information during your hospital stay and beyond. Subsequently, recent changes in hospital admittance procedures have altered how we receive information on our church members during their hospital stays.

In order to ensure that we are able to provide you with the best in spiritual care, you can help in one of the following ways:

- Upon registration make it very clear to the person taking your information that you are a member of Marion First United Methodist Church and would like to have your pastoral team notified.
- When a hospital chaplain visits you, re-iterate that you are a member of this church and would appreciate a visit from your pastors.
- Have a family member or trusted friend call the church office at 377-4856, or email Vicki Standley at [vstandley@marionmethodist.org](mailto:vstandley@marionmethodist.org).



## Bazaar Updates

### Books, DVDs, & CDs

*It's spring time!* Time to clean house and donate good used books, dvds and cds for "Novel Approach" at the 2013 UMW Bazaar. You can start dropping items off at the church office or in boxes marked "Novel Approach", in our UMW Storage room on the third floor of the church or in the fellowship hall. We also need empty boxes that reams of paper came in, or business boxes. If your place of work has these, please ask them to save them for you. Call Lois McCormick at 377-2890 or Lorie Bramley at 550-8844 with questions or to arrange pick up. Thanks!

### Summer Fun for Joy of Shopping Bazaar on October 26, 2013

*Are you Abundantly Creative? Are you a sewist? A knitter? A quilter? A jewelry maker? A photographer? A woodworker? A crafter?*

Again this year, the Abundant Creations Room will be the place to find handmade items at the UMW Bazaar. But we need items to sell! So put your talents to work this summer – we've sold book covers, baby bibs, scarves, jewelry, table runners and placemats, holiday decorations, baby blankets and potato bags, just to name a few things. Whether you donate one item or twenty, they're all welcome at Abundant Creations. Contact Louise Nieland or Jan Dickinson, Abundant Creations Room Chairwomen, for more information.

### A Life Saving Opportunity Thursday, August 29, 2013

We at FUMC have an opportunity to help save someone's life on Thursday, August 29, 2013. How you say? We will be hosting a blood donor drive from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. You can look forward to some outstanding Methodist cookies after giving blood! A few facts about donation and the use of blood:

- One donation can help save up to three lives
- Every year in the United States, four million people receive blood transfusions
- One out of five people entering the hospital will need blood
- Every two seconds, someone needs blood
- You may only donate blood every 56 days
- Cancer patients use 19% of our community blood supply
- Heart disease patients use 16% of our community blood supply
- Typically there is a 20% drop in donations between Memorial Day and Labor Day, but the need doesn't go away.
- Red Blood Cells transport oxygen to the cells in the body. They are typically transfused to a patient within 20-30 days after donation.
- Red Blood Cells are transfused due to blood loss from trauma, surgical procedures, or in cancer patients because of chemotherapy.
- Plasma supports blood clotting to prevent or stop bleeding and can be stored in a frozen state for up to one year.
- Plasma is transfused in cases of heavy bleeding like open heart surgery and hemophilia, to help promote clotting and stop bleeding.
- Platelets begin the blood clotting process in the body, but have a shelf-life of only 5 days, so they are tested and transported for transfusion immediately.
- Platelets are often given to cancer patients, AIDS patients, and organ transplant patients to help prevent massive blood loss.
- Your blood is drawn while you relax in a reclined position. All supplies are sterile and used only once before being discarded. The donation process itself takes about 5 to 10 minutes, but plan on about 45 minutes from walking in to leaving.

The need is great. The time and effort are minimal. The reward is tangible. Will you consider giving? Please contact Dan Ciha at 551-2250 and arrange an appointment time that would be convenient for you.

### Pantry Partners for Marion Food Pantry

We help folks in need by supplying items for the Marion Churches' Food Pantry. You may bring the following items to church any time during each month. Please put your contribution in the grocery cart in the narthex or at the 8th Ave. door.

**August is Boxed Potatoes.**



### You can MAKE A DIFFERENCE BUY FAIR TRADE

What is Fair Trade? Fair Trade guarantees that workers get fair wages and safe working conditions. It guarantees that NO children are involved in the labor and process of making the product. It is a guarantee that there is NO SLAVERY (HUMAN TRAFFICKING) anywhere in the supply chain. When a company can prove that their supply chains have NO HUMAN TRAFFICKING, they earn the right to use the Fair Trade Symbol.

When you purchase FAIR TRADE, you are literally SAVING LIVES in the many countries who produce these products such as coffee, tea, jewelry, clothing, etc. When people receive fair wages, they are able to feed their families and send their children to school (even the girls). Attending school is the best way for children in foreign countries to avoid being victims of Human Trafficking.

Please take even just a small step and visit our Fair Trade "shop". And then consider purchasing an item or 2 or 3 items that are FAIR TRADE on a regular basis. Look for the FAIR TRADE symbol when you are purchasing especially chocolate, coffee and tea.

We can MAKE a DIFFERENCE!!!!!!  
God Bless!!

### Fair Trade "Shop"

Open from 9-11 am  
**Saturday, Sept. 21**

Open from 8:30-11:00 am  
**Sunday, Sept. 22**

In Fellowship Hall  
Jewelry, chocolate, coffee,  
tea and more

ALL PROCEEDS will go to help prevent Human Trafficking internationally!  
Sponsored by UMW



## Our Congregation Shares Its Concern & Christian Love...

**WEDDINGS:** Aug. 10 **Kelsey Lawrence and Nathan Barnes**

**DEATHS:** Aug. 7, **Gene Phillips** (Des Moines), brother of Glenn Phillips

**BIRTHS:** July 26 **Emmett William**, son of Amanda and Eddie Rose, grandson of David and Theresa Murray, great-grandson of Bob and Sherry Murray

July 31 **Wyatt Charles Smith**, son of Chuck & Jody Smith

**FLOWERS:** Aug. 4 In honor of **Theresa Neal's** birthday, by her daughter, Dawn Blair

## The Marion Methodist deadline schedule

Articles for our Marion Methodist need to be submitted by Wednesday at noon. You may email it to [cscholtens@marionmethodist.org](mailto:cscholtens@marionmethodist.org) and send any information as an attachment. If you do not have access to a computer, you may call or bring to the office items to be published. We ask that you honor the deadlines listed below:

Date to Printer	Date Articles Due
Aug. 28	Aug. 21
Sept. 11	Sept. 4
Sept. 25	Sept. 18
Oct. 9	Oct. 2
Oct. 23	Oct. 16
Nov. 6	Oct. 30
Nov. 20	Nov. 13
Dec. 4	Nov. 27
Dec. 18	Dec. 11

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<b>Communion</b> 7:45a Worship (Chapel) 8:30a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45a Sunday School 11:00a Worship (Sanctuary) 6:30p School Prayer Walk (Sanctuary)	11:30a Staff Meeting (Room 106) 6:00p Joint Committee Chairpersons (Room 105) 6:30p SPRC (Room 104) 6:30p Foundation (Room 105) 6:30p Trustees (Room 107) 6:30pm Finance (Room 106) 7:00p Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)	9:00a Carnegie Corner (Carnegie - LL)	8:00a Quilters (Room 104) 8:00p AA Support Group (Adult Library)	6:00a Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:00a HCl Training (Room 106, Room 107) 9:15a Sowers Circle (Room 104) 6:30p Building Committee (Room 105)	6:00p Wedding Rehearsal - Smith/Martin	8:00a Chancel Choir Retreat (Choir Room) 8:00a UMW - Mission Day (Carnegie - UL) <i>Wedding</i> Kelly Smith & Matt Martin
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